

Editorial

New Co-editor and Board Members

The *Journal of Software Maintenance* announces personnel changes. The *Journal* regrets that its co-editor since the first issue of its first volume, Professor Keith H. Bennett, Director of Durham University's Centre for Software Maintenance has resigned as co-editor. During his tenure, the *Journal* moved from two issues per year during its first year, to four issues a year in its second year of publication. Starting up a new refereed professional international publication, the *Journal of Software Maintenance*, with co-editor Dr. Mel A. Colter involved numerous decisions and a great deal of work. Keith and Mel made good decisions that have guided the *Journal* well ever since, and their hard work has contributed to the software maintenance community by providing a consistent means of meaningful, useful, and high-quality communication.

Starting with the sixth year of Keith Bennett's tenure, the *Journal* moved from four to six issues per year, and continued its outstanding record of never missing a scheduled issue. Keith has been alert to changing trends in the software maintenance field, and has encouraged papers that have not only offered fresh insights but also recorded the state of the art, by emphasizing key practice and research results. The *Journal* thanks and congratulates Keith Bennett for the splendid job he has done and the more than nine years of outstanding service he has rendered to the software maintenance community.

The *Journal* is delighted to welcome Professor Aniello Cimitile as its new co-editor. Professor Cimitile holds a full Chair in Computer Science at the University of Salerno, Engineering Faculty of Benevento, and has established an internationally recognized track record for his research work in and contributions to software maintenance.

Professor Cimitile is an authority on many aspects of software engineering, and has made outstanding contributions in the fields of reverse engineering, program comprehension, and software management. He has extensive experience in the software maintenance community, and participates actively in the key international conferences. Aniello also has considerable experience in collaborations with industry and in accomplishing technology transfers. His background and knowledge provide a strong experience base from which to guide the *Journal* in its coming stages of enhancement and growth.

The *Journal* is also delighted to announce the appointment of five new members of its Advisory Editorial Board, and to welcome each of them. They are Professor Keith H. Bennett, Dr. Shawn A. Bohner, Dr. Guy G. Gable, Dr. Keith B. Gallagher, and Mr. Wui-Gee Tan. The *Journal* is fortunate that Keith Bennett has agreed to continue to contribute his expertise to the *Journal* as a member of the Advisory Editorial Board. Shawn expects to focus on strengthening the *Journal's* coverage of the practice of software maintenance. Guy intends to encourage contributions from Australia and New Zealand. Keith Gallagher plans to focus on maintenance in the eastern part of the USA, and Wui-Gee seeks to improve the *Journal's* presence in Southeast Asia.

Readers are invited to contact any of the members of the *Journal's* Advisory Editorial Board about any matter related to software maintenance. The two co-editors also welcome inquiries. Contact addresses appear on the inside of the front cover of the *Journal of Software Maintenance*.

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